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SYNOPSIS

Permits counties and municipalities to bond for passenger cars and station wagons solely fueled by electric or renewable power sources.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning local bonds and amending N.J.S.40A:2-22.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
4 *of New Jersey:*

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6 1. N.J.S.40A:2-22 is amended to read as follows:

7 40A:2-22. The governing body of the local unit shall determine
8 the period of usefulness of any purpose according to its reasonable
9 life computed from the date of the bonds, which period shall not be
10 greater than the following:

11 a. Buildings and structures.

12 1. Bridges, including retaining walls and approaches, or
13 permanent structures of brick, stone, concrete or metal, or similar
14 durable construction, 30 years.

15 2. Buildings, including the original furnishings and equipment
16 therefor:

17 Class A: A building, of which all walls, floors, partitions, stairs
18 and roof are wholly of incombustible material, except the window
19 frames, doors, top flooring and wooden handrails on the stairs, 40
20 years;

21 Class B: A building, the outer walls of which are wholly of
22 incombustible material, except the window frames and doors, 30
23 years;

24 Class C: A building which does not meet the requirements of
25 Class A or Class B, 20 years.

26 3. Buildings or structures acquired substantially reconstructed or
27 additions thereto, one-half the period fixed in this subsection for such
28 buildings or structures.

29 4. Additional furnishings, five years.

30 b. Marine improvements.

31 1. Harbor improvements, docks or marine terminals, 40 years.

32 2. Dikes, bulkheads, jetties or similar devices of stone, concrete
33 or metal, 15 years; of wood or partly of wood, 10 years.

34 c. Additional equipment and machinery.

35 1. Additional or replacement equipment and machinery, 15
36 years.

37 2. Voting machines, 15 years.

38 3. Information technology and telecommunications equipment,
39 7 years, except that for items with a unit cost of less than \$5,000, 5
40 years.

41 d. Real property.

42 1. Acquisition for any public purpose of lands or riparian rights,
43 or both, and the original dredging, grading, draining or planting
44 thereof, 40 years.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

- 1 2. Improvement of airport, cemetery, golf course, park,
2 playground, 15 years.
- 3 3. Stadia of concrete or other incombustible materials, 20 years.
- 4 e. Streets or thoroughfares.
- 5 1. Elimination of grade crossings, 35 years.
- 6 2. Streets or roads:
 - 7 Class A: Rigid pavement. A pavement of not less than eight
8 inches of cement concrete or a six-inch cement concrete base with
9 not less than three-inch bituminous concrete surface course, or
10 equivalent wearing surface, 20 years.
 - 11 Flexible pavement. A pavement not less than 10 inches in depth
12 consisting of five-inch macadam base, three-inch modified
13 penetration macadam and three-inch bituminous concrete surface
14 course or other pavements of equivalent strength, in accordance with
15 the findings of the American Association of State Highway Officials
16 (AASHO) Road Test, 20 years.
 - 17 Class B: Mixed surface-treated road. An eight-inch surface of
18 gravel, stone or other selected material under partial control mixed
19 with cement or lime and fly ash, six inches in compacted thickness
20 with bituminous surface treatment and cover, 10 years.
 - 21 Bituminous penetration road. A five-inch gravel or stone base
22 course and a three-inch course bound with a bituminous or equivalent
23 binder, 10 years.
 - 24 Class C: Mixed bituminous road. An eight-inch surface of gravel,
25 stone, or other selected material under partial control mixed with
26 bituminous material one inch or more in compacted thickness, five
27 years.
 - 28 Penetration macadam road. A road of sand, gravel or water-bound
29 macadam, or surfacing with penetration macadam, five years.
- 30 3. Sidewalks, curbs and gutters of stone, concrete or brick, 10
31 years.
- 32 The period of usefulness in this subsection shall apply to
33 construction and reconstruction of streets and thoroughfares.
- 34 f. Utilities and municipal systems.
 - 35 1. Sewerage system, whether sanitary or storm water, water
36 supply or distribution system, 40 years.
 - 37 2. Electric light, power or gas systems, garbage, refuse or ashes
38 incinerator or disposal plant, 25 years.
 - 39 3. Communication and signal systems, 10 years.
 - 40 4. House connections to publicly-owned gas, water or sewerage
41 systems from the service main in the street to the curb or property
42 lines where not part of original installation, five years.
 - 43 5. House connections to publicly-owned water systems, from the
44 distribution main onto privately-owned real property and into the
45 privately-owned structure, for the purpose of replacing lead-
46 contaminated house connections, so long as the project is (a)
47 undertaken as an environmental infrastructure project, as defined
48 under section 3 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-3), and (b) funded

1 either by loans from the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, created
2 pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-4), or by loans
3 issued through the Department of Environmental Protection, 30
4 years.

5 g. Vehicles and apparatus.

6 1. Fire engines, apparatus and equipment, when purchased new,
7 but not fire equipment purchased separately, 10 years.

8 2. Automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and
9 equipment (**【other than】** excluding passenger cars and station
10 wagons that are not solely fueled by a battery or equivalent energy
11 storage device charged from an electricity supply external to the
12 vehicle or by a renewable power source), when purchased new, five
13 years.

14 3. Major repairs, reconditioning or overhaul of fire engines and
15 apparatus, ambulances, rescue vehicles, and similar public safety
16 vehicles (**【other than】** excluding passenger cars and station wagons
17 that are not solely fueled by a battery or equivalent energy storage
18 device charged from an electricity supply external to the vehicle or
19 by a renewable power source) which may reasonably be expected to
20 extend for at least five years the period of usefulness thereof, five
21 years.

22 h. The closure of a sanitary landfill facility utilized, owned or
23 operated by a county or municipality, 15 years; provided that the
24 closure has been approved by the Board of Public Utilities and the
25 Department of Environmental Protection. For the purposes of this
26 subsection "closure" means all activities associated with the design,
27 purchase or construction of all measures required by the Department
28 of Environmental Protection, pursuant to law, in order to prevent,
29 minimize or monitor pollution or health hazards resulting from
30 sanitary landfill facilities subsequent to the termination of operations
31 at any portion thereof, including, but not necessarily limited to, the
32 costs of the placement of earthen or vegetative cover, and the
33 installation of methane gas vents or monitors and leachate monitoring
34 wells or collection systems at the site of any sanitary landfill facility.

35 i. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2007, c.62.)

36 j. The prefunding of a claims account for environmental liability
37 claims by an environmental impairment liability insurance pool
38 pursuant to P.L.1993, c.269 (C.40A:10-38.1 et al.), 20 years.

39 (cf: P.L.2018, c.114, s.4)

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41 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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44 STATEMENT

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46 This bill would permit counties and municipalities to issue bonds
47 to acquire certain environmentally friendly passenger cars and station
48 wagons.

1 Under current law, counties and municipalities may only issue
2 bonds to finance certain projects having a period of usefulness of at
3 least five years. Additionally, the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.40A:2-1 et
4 seq., specifically excludes passenger cars and station wagons from
5 the category of newly purchased automotive vehicles that are deemed
6 to have a maximum period of usefulness of five years.

7 The bill would amend this exclusion in the Local Bond Law in
8 order to allow permit counties and municipalities to bond for
9 passenger cars and station wagons that are solely fueled by a battery
10 or equivalent energy storage device charged from an electricity
11 supply external to the vehicle or by a renewable power source. Other
12 passenger cars and station wagons would continue to be excluded.